

Regional Planning Context

Regional Focus

During these past few years, our planning efforts have been focused on Butano, Año Nuevo, and Big Basin Redwoods State Parks

- The regional characteristics and common issues were researched and used as a foundation for the resulting park plans
- The general plan process recognized each park's unique assets and needs separately, and the close relationship between these state parks and other nearby public lands
- Plans will emphasize the potential for regional collaboration in resource management, recreational use, education and interpretation, and park management
- For each park, planning zones were created and goals and guidelines are being developed to assist in shaping appropriate management strategies and desired visitor use

Key Issues & Opportunities

Primary planning issues addressed by the General Plan

- Recreation Demand and Visitor Opportunities
- Public Access and Circulation
- Park Planning and Management in a Regional Context
- Wildlife and Habitat Protection

Planning Concepts

These broad concepts provided planning guidance in the preparation of the General Plans

- Integrate recreation and interpretation facilities and programs with other area recreation providers
- Connect to regional trail systems and destinations
- Identify and restore locations heavily impacted by past management practices
- Minimize sensitive resource impacts while expanding recreation opportunities
- Work with federal, state, and local agencies to provide effective and efficient regional natural resource management

Planning Schedule

Planning Milestones



We are here

What's next?

*Anticipated January-
March 2008*

Anticipated July 2008

*Anticipated September
2008*

- Collect and map existing conditions data
- Solicit public input: scoping issues and concerns
- Define issues, constraints, and opportunities
- Define the park vision
- Analyze existing conditions, and identify and evaluate alternatives
- Develop Draft plan alternatives



Public review of plan proposals in preferred alternative



Prepare Preliminary General Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)



Public review period (CEQA requires at least 45-day review)



State Park & Recreation Commission hearing (Butano & Año Nuevo)



Publish final General Plan & EIR